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SUBJECT: CHRISTIANE MALITCHENKO, NEW FRENCH

AMBASSADOR TO BULGARIA

1. MISS MALITCHENKO, WHO HOLDS THE RANK OF COUNSELOR FIRST CLASS IN THE FRENCH FOREIGN SERVICE, HAS RECENTLY BEEN NAMED AMBASSADOR TO BULGARIA, CONFIRMING A REPORT TO THIS EFFECT IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 1975. SHE THUS BECOMES THE SECOND WOMAN PRESENTLY SERVING AS AMBASSADOR IN THE FRENCH DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. ACCORDING TO PUBLISHED SOURCES, MISS MALITCHENKO WAS BORN IN 1924 AND RECEIVED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN LITERATURE AND A DIPLOMA FROM THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL LANGUAGES, WHERE SHE STUDIED TURKISH, BULGARIAN AND RUSSIAN.

2. MISS MALITCHENKO WORKED AS A TRAINEE (STAGIAIRE) IN THE INFORMATION AND PRESS OFFICE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FROM 1952-1954, BEFORE BEING ADMITTED INTO THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1954. HER SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNMENTS HAVE INCLUDED THE EUROPEAN OFFICE AT THE QUAI (1954-1955), VICE CONSUL AND LATER THIRD SECRETARY IN BELGRADE (1955-1958), THE OFFICE OF CULTURAL AND
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TECHNICAL AFFAIRS AT THE QUAI (1958-1961), FIRST SECRETARY IN WARSAW (1961-1963), THE EUROPEAN OFFICE AT

THE QUAI (1964-1967), SECOND COUNSELOR IN WASHINGTON
(1967-1971) AND FIRST COUNSELOR IN BELGRADE (SINCE
MAY 1971). IN VIEW OF MALITCHENKO'S BRIEF SERVICE IN
PARIS, SHE IS NOT WELL KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY. EMBASSY
BELGRADE MAY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY SOFIA WITH MORE RECENT
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